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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
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John E. EBY et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1774  
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Application No.: 09/749,033 ) Examiner: B. Shewareged  
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Filed: December 28, 2000 )  
)  
For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING )  
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND )  
METHODS TO MAKE SURFACE )  
COVERINGS HAVING A )  
NATURAL APPEARANCE )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated June 24, 2003, of the Examiner.

A Petition for extension of time to further extend the period for response to December 24, 2003, is enclosed together with a fee of \$950.00 and the Appeal Fee of \$330.00. A check for \$1,280.00 to cover the required fees is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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